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IRELAND RELEASES FISHERIES REPORT BY AMERICAN SURVEY TEAM

The Department of the Interior announced today the United States has been informed by the Government of Ireland that a report prepared by a team of American specialists on the potential of the sea fisheries of Ireland has just been made public in Dublin.

The report, prepared this summer by the four-man team from the Department's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, was a cooperative study made at the request of the Government of Ireland.

The report includes recommendations that:

- 1. A stable Irish fishery policy is needed to encourage private investment.
- 2. The supply of fish and shellfish should be increased and stabilized.
- 3. The processing segment of Irish fisheries should be developed. The small population of Ireland limits the domestic market, so major expansion would come from export of processed fishery products.
- 4. Ireland's marketing structure should be streamlined to handle increased production.

At a news conference in Dublin, George Colley, T. D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Lands, thanked the United States for its cooperation and said he "looks forward to useful cooperation in the future with American authorities in relation to fisheries problems of mutual interest."

The American specialists made the study in cooperation with the Irish Sea Fisheries Board and the Fisheries Bureau of Ireland's Department of Lands. The survey resulted from a meeting in October 1963 between Irish Prime Minister Lemass and the late President Kennedy.

John B. Glude, a marine biologist, headed the United States study group. In addition to Mr. Glude, who is from Manette, Wash., other members of the American team were Joseph W. Slavin, Quincy, Mass., a technology specialist; Robert Lavell, Cincinnati, Ohio, an economist; and Keith A. Smith, Monroe, Utah, a specialist in exploratory fishing.